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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION IN BOTSWANA NATIONAL TRADE FAIR

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR TO MR. PHILLIP GROVE, CHAIRMAN, GROVE INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION, 400 MADISON AVENUE, N.Y., N.Y. 10017:

QTE DEAR MR. GROVE:

I RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A VERY WORTHWHILE TRIP TO NORTHERN BOTSWANA WHICH INCLUDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOUR REPRESENTATIVES AND TO DRIVE THE LENGTH OF THE ROAD PROJECT. ALTHOUGH THE PROJECT IS SOMEWHAT BEHIND SCHEDULE, I WAS QUITE IMPRESSED WITH THE QUALITY OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND WITH THE CALIBER OF PERSONNEL WHOM I MET. THEY ARE NOT ONLY GOOD CORPORATE REPRESENTATIVES, BUT FINE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES AS WELL. CONSIDERING THE FUTURE IMPORTANCE OF THE ROAD TO BOTSWANA AND THE MAJOR ROLE GROVE IS PLAYING IN BRINGING IT TO FRUITION, I THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE

FOR GROVE TO BE REPRESENTED IN THE U.S. PAVILLION AT THE BOTSWANA NATIONAL TRADE FAIR. THE FAIR, WHICH WILL BE HELD JULY 24-26 IN GABORONE, IS THE MAJOR EVENT OF ITS KIND IN BOTSWANA. IT IS OPENED EACH YEAR BY PRESIDENT KHAMA AND ATTENDED BY APPROXIMATELY 35,000 PEOPLE. THE THEME OF OUR PAVILLION THIS YEAR IS "TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS". WITH THIS THEME IN MIND, THE THIRD SECRETARY OF THE EMBASSY HAS ALREADY WRITTEN TO MR. DURHAM AT KASANE SUGGESTING AN IDEA FOR A POSSIBLE EXHIBIT. I HOPE GROVE WILL ACCEPT OUR INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE. PHOTOS, BROCHURES, WORKING MODELS OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF EXHIBIT YOU MIGHT WISH TO MOUNT WOULD BE WELCOMED.

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I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU SOON REGARDING THE FAIR.
MEANWHILE., PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCERE THANKS FOR YOUR MARVELOUS
HOSPITALITY DURING MY LAST TRIP TO NEW YORK.
WITH EVERY GOOD WISH.
SINCERELY , DAVID B. BOLEN, AMBASSADOR UNQTE.
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